

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. This is a report by Bureau staff in compliance with that responsibility.

Name of Applicant: Kathryn S. Black.

Information: Bureau staff contacted Applicant to confirm information contained in her application materials. When asked about her Form 700 not including a Schedule C to report sources of income, Applicant responded that the schedule was not required because her sources of income were government salary and deferred compensation from her husband's prior employment. When asked why she did not answer the question in the "Family Information" section of the supplemental application regarding whether her half-sister Dale E (Alethea) Taylor had engaged in any activities that could give rise to a conflict of interest, Applicant responded that she has not had any contact with her since 1991-1992, so she lacks information about her activities, although she believes she is employed by the United States Postal Service.

Staff contacted Nikki Lea Woodman, the author of one of Applicant's letters of recommendation, to confirm the information provided in the letter and receive any additional information that may be relevant. Ms. Woodman confirmed the information provided in the letter and stated that she is acquainted with the Applicant both socially and professionally. She and Applicant have volunteered with 4H programs and were elected to the Springville Union School Board, serving overlapping tenures. Ms. Woodman said that Applicant is the smartest person she has ever met. She stated that the Applicant is well researched and clearly expresses her opinions, but maintains respect for the thoughts and concerns of others. Ms. Woodman feels that Applicant works well with others while solving problems.

Recommendation: None.

Name and title of person submitting response: Steven Benito Russo, Chief of Investigations.

Report Date: August 23, 2010.